

State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Yakima Washington

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION)
FOR CHANGE BY WEIPPERT ORCHARD)
REQUESTING A CHANGE IN THE)
PLACE OF USE OF A PORTION OF)
WATER RIGHT CERTIFICATE G3-20682C)
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Emergency Drought
Change Authorization

In accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.83B.405, on March 14, 2001, it was ordered and determined by the Director of the Department of Ecology that the State of Washington is under drought conditions. In accordance with the provisions of WAC 176-166-060, the Department of Ecology is under the terms of this Order, issuing an EMERGENCY DROUGHT CHANGE AUTHORIZATION. The intent of this authorization is to alleviate hardships and reduce the burdens on water users arising from the drought conditions.

Background

On April 17, 2001, Weippert Orchard filed an application to change the place of use of a portion of an existing supplemental water right from one parcel to another in Yakima County. The primary irrigation right of the proposed place of use is from the Roza Irrigation District which is expected to deliver approximately 28% of water based on the April 1 forecast.

Ground Water Certificate G4-30128C

Certificate G4-30128C was issued to Don Weippert and authorizes the withdrawal of 500 gpm, 45.2 acre-feet per year from a well for frost protection and supplemental irrigation of 23.8 acres. The well is located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, T. 13 N., R. 19 E.W.M.

It is proposed that 10 acres of supplemental irrigation and frost protection be transferred to a nearby parcel. No change in number of irrigated acres or additional water use is requested. The applicant proposes to extend a pipeline from the existing place of use to a parcel described as follows:

That part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T. 13 N., R. 19 E.W.M. lying south and below the right of way for the Roza Canal (with exceptions).

Conclusions and Decision

Authorizing this change of place of use of a water right will not impair existing water rights.

This **DROUGHT EMERGENCY CHANGE DECISION** authorizes the transfer of 10 acres of irrigation and frost control under Water Right Certificate G4-30128C to lands in Yakima County described as follows:

That part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T. 13 N., R. 19 E.W.M. lying south and below the right of way for the Roza Canal (with exceptions).

A water duty of 100 gpm and 8 acre-feet is authorized for irrigation and 250 gpm and 11 acre-feet is authorized for frost control is authorized for use on the property.

The point of withdrawal shall remain the existing well located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, T. 13 N., R. 19 E.W.M.

The following provisions shall apply to this change authorization:

A measuring device approved by the Department of Ecology must be installed prior to use of the water.

Bi-weekly (every 2 weeks) readings of the measuring device shall be recorded and shall include the date and time of measurement, water flow rate, volume of water, and the name of the person taking the meter readings. Within thirty (30) days of the end of this irrigation season, the permittee shall send a copy of this data to the Central Regional Office.

This drought emergency authorization expires on October 31, 2001.

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